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FROM BUTTE (89-NEW) (P)

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UNSUB; ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE SENATOR FRANK CHURCH, STATE OF IDAHO, BOISE, IDA. CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE.

00: BUTTE.

INSTANT DATE, [REDACTED] TO SENATOR FRANK

CHURCH, U. S. POST OFFICE, BANNOCK STATION, BOISE, IDA.,

TELEPHONICALLY REPORTED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS APPROACHED REGARDING PLAN TO ASSASSINATE SENATOR CHURCH.

UPON INTERVIEW, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED AT

APPROXIMATELY SIX P.M., NOVEMBER 4, 1974, WHILE OBSERVING GUN AND AMMUNITION AT SKAGGS STORE, WESTGATE MALL, ONTARIO, OREGON. HE WAS APPROACHED BY UNKNOWN WHITE MALE, 35 YEARS, 71 INCHES, 200 LBS., STOCKY BUILD, BLUE EYES, BLACK CURLY HAIR, COMBED DOWN ON FOREHEAD, FULL HEAD OF HAIR, BUT NOT BUSHY, FU MANCHU MUSTACHE, SHORT BEARD ON CHIN, WITH SPACE

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11/15/74 3:00 a.m.
w/ [REDACTED] NOV 16 1974

CC: Bowers, Div. 8

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BETWEEN BEARD AND MUSTACHE, MUTTON-CHOPP SIDEBURNS; TANNED COMPLEXION; WEARING BLUE DOUBLE KNIT SUIT WITH WHITE STRIPES, BLUE AND WHITE SHIRT WITH AN UNRECALLED PATTERN, WHITE TIE POSSIBLY VELVET CLOTH, CUFFED SLACKS, TRIPPLE-TONED SHOES, COLOR BLACK ON TOP, WHITE IN MIDDLE, BROWN TOES, WITH PLATFORM HEALS; DIAMOND RING SET IN GOLD ON RIGHT RING FINGER; GOLD WATCH ON LEFT WRIST; NOT WEARING GLASSES; NO SCARS OBSERVED; NORMAL VOICE; NO ACCENT OBSERVED IN VOICE, SPOKE AS THOUGH FAIRLY WELL EDUCATED, COMMENCED CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED] STATING " YOU HAVE A GOOD TAST FOR GUNS AND SCOPES."

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UNKNOWN WHITE MALE INQUIRED IF [REDACTED] INTERESTED IN JOB AND THEREAFTER EXPLAINED JOB WAS FOR [REDACTED] TO ASSASSINATE SENATOR CHURCH FOR ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, PLUS UNKNOWN MALE WOULD PURCHASE [REDACTED] GUN, SCOPE AND AMMUNITION. [REDACTED]

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IMMEDIATELY DECLINED; HOWEVER, UNKNOWN WHITE MALE PERSISTED AND REMOVED A BLUEPRINT TYPE MAP FROM INSIDE SUIT JACKET POCKET. MAP DESCRIBED AS LIGHT BLUE, ALMOSE WHITE IN COLOR. MAP CONTAINED DRAWING IDAHO STATE CAPITOL BUILDING, STREETS IN AREA AND BANK OF IDAHO BUILDING, LOCAATED CORNER 6TH AND
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IDAHO STREETS, BOISE, IDA. UNKNOWN WHITE MALE POINTED TO BANK OF IDA., STATING "I WANT YOU ON TOP OF BUILDING AND FACING THE STATE CAPITOL."

[] CONTINUED SHOWING DISINTEREST. UNKNOWN WHITE MALE NEVER IDENTIFIED SELF NOR ASKED [] NAME. UNKNOWN WHITE MALE CLAIMED THAT SENATOR CHURCH, WHEN LEAVING FOR WASHINGTON, WOULD DESCEND STATE CAPITOL STEPS AND FREQUENTLY POSE FOR PICTURES BEFORE ENTERING LIMOUSINE EN ROUTE TO AIRPORT. UNKNOWN WHITE MALE APPEARED KNOWLEDGEABLE IN GUNS AND AMMUNITION AND SERIOUS IN ASSASSINATION PLAN.

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MAN NEVER EXPLAINED ANY DISPLEASURES OR PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED CONCERNING SENATOR CHURCH.

[] ESTIMATED HE AND UNKNOWN MALE SPOKE TOGETHER APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES WHEN MAN WALKED OFF IN WESTERLY DIRECTION INSIDE MALL. UNKNOWN MAN NEVER SEEN WITH OTHERS. NO VEHICLE OBSERVED.

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[] UNABLE TO SAY WHETHER UNKNOWN MAN ARMED OR NOT. UNKNOWN MALE NEVER TOUCHED [] NOR MADE HOMOSEXUAL ADVANCES OR IMPLICATIONS.

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MALE COMPLETELY UNKNOWN TO [REDACTED] OUT OF FEAR
WITHHELD MENTIONING ASSASSINATION INCIDENT PREVIOUSLY. NO
WEAPON PURCHASED BY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] STATE [REDACTED] IS MATURE, ABOVE AVERAGE STUDENT AND
INCLINED TO SPEAK NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH.

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BOISE POLICE, MIDDLETON POLICE, SECRET SERVICE, BOISE,
IDA., ADVISED.

[REDACTED] CAN IDENTIFY UNSUB.

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PORTLAND DIVISION AT ONTARIO, OREGON, ALERT LOCAL
AUTHORITIES. ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY UNSUB.

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MESSAGE RELAY

Date 11/15/74Transmit in PLAINTEXT via teletype the attached PLAINTEXT message.
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FROM: Director, FBI

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TO: RUEADWW/ ☐ The President

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT; PLOT TO ASSASSINATE with _____

SENATOR FRANK CHURCH, STATE OF IDAHO, BOISE, IDAHO.

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OO: BUTTE.

FBI, BUTTE, ADVISED BY TELETYPE 11/14/74
INSTANT DATE, [REDACTED]

TO SENATOR FRANK

CHURCH, U. S. POST OFFICE, BANNOCK STATION, BOISE, IDA.,

TELEPHONICALLY REPORTED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTED [REDACTED]

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UPON INTERVIEW, [REDACTED]

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Date: 2/6/75

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (89-3045)

FROM: SAC, BUTTE (89-124) (C)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; Alleged Plot
to Assassinate
Senator FRANK CHURCH,
State of Idaho,
Boise, Idaho
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OO: Butte

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Re Butte nitel to Bureau, 11/14/74; and Portland letter to Butte, 11/25/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of LHM concerning captioned matter.

Enclosed for WFO are two copies of the above-described LHM.

WFO is requested to disseminate the information in the enclosed LHM to appropriate local authorities.

LHM disseminated locally to USSS. Copy being furnished to USSS, Washington, **DEC 59**

No further investigation being conducted within the Butte Division.

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to Sen Church advised on 2/28/75 JOT

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONIn Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 6, 1975

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Alleged Plot to
Assassinate Senator FRANK CHURCH,
State of Idaho, Boise, Idaho

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
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6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☐ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☒ is not available.

Very truly yours,


Clarence M. Kelley
Director1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1)
U. S. Secret Service, Spokane, Washington

Enclosure(s) (1)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Butte, Montana 59701
February 6, 1975

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
Alleged Plot to Assassinate
Senator FRANK CHURCH,
State of Idaho,
Boise, Idaho

On November 14, 1974, [redacted]
to Senator FRANK CHURCH, U. S. Post Office, Bannock Station,
Boise, Idaho, telephonically reported to the Boise, Idaho,
Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that

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[redacted] advised one of [redacted] was
allegedly approached concerning the plan to assassinate Senator
FRANK CHURCH.

[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted]
[redacted] with the results of the interview as follows:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 12/3/74

phone [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed at the
[redacted] at which time he advised as follows:b6
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At approximately 6:00 p.m., on November 4, 1974, while observing guns and ammunition at the SKAGGS STORE, Westgate Mall, Ontario, Oregon, he was approached by an unknown white male, whom he described as follows:

Age	35 years
Height	71"
Weight	200 #
Build	Stocky
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Black, curly, combed down on forehead; full head of hair, but was not bushy; Fu Manchu mustache; short beard on chin with space between beard and mustache; also mutton-chop sideburns
Complexion	Tanned
Wearing Apparel	Blue double knit suit with white stripes; blue and white shirt, which shirt had a pattern on it that could not be described, nor recalled; white tie, possibly made of velvet; suitpants were cuffed; shoes were three-toned with black on top, white in the middle, and having brown toes and platform heels
Scars or Marks	None
Voice	No particular accent observed; Spoke as though fairly well educated

Interviewed on 11/14/74 at Middleton, Idaho File # BT #89-124by SA [redacted] Unl/cde Date dictated 11/20/74b6
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BT #89-124

Remarks

Had a diamond ring set
in gold on the right
ring finger;
Wore a gold watch on the
left wrist

[] explained that this unknown individual commenced his conversation stating, "You have a good taste for guns and scopes."

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This unknown individual inquired if he, [] was interested in a job, and thereafter explained that the job was for [] to assassinate Senator FRANK CHURCH of Idaho. [] immediate reply was, "No way." This unknown individual continued talking, stating, he would pay [] \$1,000.00 for the assassination, plus he would purchase [] gun, scope, and ammunition. [] explained that again he declined this individual's offer, stating he was not interested and walked away from this person. This unknown individual persisted and then removed a blue-print-type map from the inside pocket of his suit jacket. [] described the map as being light blue in color, almost white. [] did observe on the map there was a drawing of the Idaho State Capitol Building, as it would appear if you faced it directly. [] also recalled seeing a drawing of the BANK OF IDAHO Building, which is located on the corner of 6th and Idaho Streets, Boise, Idaho. [] also recalls seeing other streets marked on this map. The unknown individual pointed to the BANK OF IDAHO Building, stating, "I want you on top of the building and facing the State Capitol." [] again told this individual he was not interested.

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The unknown individual never identified himself, nor did he ask [] name. The unknown individual claimed that Senator CHURCH, when leaving for Washington, D.C., would descend the State Capitol Steps and frequently pose for pictures before entering the limousine en route to the airport. This unknown individual implied it was at this time, prior to entering the limousine, that the assassination would occur.

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BT, #89-124

This unknown individual appeared knowledgeable in guns and ammunition. This individual also was serious in the assassination plan.

This man never explained any displeasures or problems encountered concerning Senator CHURCH.

[] estimated that he and this unknown individual spoke together for approximately five minutes, at which time the man walked off in a westerly direction inside the mall.

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The unknown man was never seen with any individuals, nor was he seen near a vehicle.

[] was unable to say whether this man was armed with a weapon or not.

The same man never touched [] nor did he make any homosexual advances or implications.

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[] explained that this unknown individual was never seen previously, nor has he been seen since. [] out of fear, withheld mentioning the incident previously.

[] did not purchase a weapon at the mall on that occasion, nor has he purchased a weapon since.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Alleged Plot to Assassinate Senator
FRANK CHURCH, State of Idaho, Boise, Idaho

On November 14, 1974, [redacted]
and [redacted]
[redacted] both commented that [redacted] is a mature,
above-average student, and is inclined to speak only the
truth. Neither [redacted] nor [redacted] expect
anything but the truth coming from [redacted]

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On November 14, 1974, JOHN CHURCH, Chief of Police; and
[redacted] Boise, Idaho, Police Department; PAUL
ROBERT COOPER, Chief of Police, Middleton, Idaho; and [redacted]
[redacted] Special Agent, U. S. Secret Service, Boise,
Idaho, were advised of the information received from [redacted]
[redacted] on November 14, 1974, relative to an alleged plot to
assassinate Senator FRANK CHURCH.

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On November 15, 1974, JAMES JONES, Chief of Police,
Ontario, Oregon, Police Department, advised he was not
acquainted with anyone in the Ontario, Oregon, area meeting
the description of the individual who allegedly initiated
the plot to assassinate Senator FRANK CHURCH. Chief JONES
stated he would make the description of the individual avail-
able to patrol units of the Ontario, Oregon, Police Department.
In the event information were developed concerning this
individual or any assassination plot, Chief JONES stated he
would immediately contact the FBI.

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On November 15, 1974, [redacted] Oregon
State Police, Ontario, Oregon, advised he would disseminate
the description of the individual believed to be responsible
for the alleged assassination plot to all patrol units of the
Oregon State Police at Ontario, Oregon.

On November 19, 1974, Chief of Police JONES and
[redacted] were once again contacted; however, no
information concerning this matter was received.

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On December 30, 1974, and February 5, 1975,
Chief of Police JOHN CHURCH and [redacted] Boise
Police Department, were recontacted and informed no further
developments had been received in this matter.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Alleged Plot to Assassinate Senator
FRANK CHURCH, State of Idaho, Boise, Idaho

On December 30, 1974, and February 5, 1975, [redacted]

[redacted] was recontacted in an attempt to develop additional information relative to the unknown male who approached him in the Westgate Mall, Ontario, Oregon, on November 4, 1974, relative to a plot to assassinate Senator FRANK CHURCH.

[redacted] was unable to furnish any additional information concerning this unknown man. [redacted] has had no additional contact with this individual since November 4, 1974. [redacted] once again stated that at no time did he furnish this individual his address. Therefore, [redacted] doubted he would ever have contact with this person again.

In the event he should obtain any information or in some way observe this person in the future, he would immediately contact the FBI.

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